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HEADQUARTERS, 1300th Air Base Wing, ARCS, MATS, Mountain Home Air Force  
Base, Idaho, 13 February 1952

TO: Commanding Officer, 2156th Air Rescue Squadron (TT) Mobile Train-  
ing Unit, McCall, Idaho

Forwarded for your expedient action in complying with paragraph 2 of  
basic communication and reply to this Headquarters.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL BEERS:

/t/s/  
JAMES S. ELLIOT  
Captain, USAF  
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS, 2156th Air Rescue Squadron (TT) MTU, McCall, Idaho, 19 Feb 1952.

TO: Commander, 1300th Air Base Wing, ARCS, MATS, Mountain Home Air Force  
Base, Idaho

1. Reference is made to paragraph 2 of basic communication and  
compliance herewith.

2. Personnel presently located at McCall, Idaho shown in Appendix A.  
In this connection it is noted that a large percentage of the personnel  
are DS this station which is an unsatisfactory situation for the successful  
operation of a school.

3. Personnel required for augmentation according to Headquarters MATS  
directive dated 17 Jan 52, subject: "Evasion and Escape School" follow:

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a. Instructing staff requirement to augment present staff.

- (1) One (1) Executive Officer familiar with administration, handling of troops and a training background.
- (2) Twelve (12) military Survival, Evasion and Escape instructors. This personnel will require training and indoctrination at this station.
- (3) Eight (8) civilian instructors. Three (3) of these are on procurement. Additional five (5) on next fiscal year budget but essential that they report for duty not later than 1 April 1952.
- (4) Three (3) E & E officers.
- (5) Two (2) military Survival and E & E Field Commanders.

b. Housekeeping personnel requirement.

Three (3) cooks  
One (1) mess sergeant  
Three (3) communications personnel  
Six (6) basics  
Three (3) supply personnel  
Four (4) motor pool (2 of which maintenance men)  
One (1) Sergeant Major, administration  
Two (2) clerk typists  
Two (2) surgical technicians

4. Facilities.

a. Buildings. Gunnison type prefabricated shelters as discussed with Lt Colonel Fuller, A.I.O. 1300th Air Base Wing, ARCS, MATS on 16 February 1952. See Appendix B. These buildings to be shipped and at McCall by 1 April 1952.

b. Power. Idaho Power Company to run line in from main line (distance 2 miles). This was discussed with Colonel Fuller.

c. Communications. Station BDICC presently in operation in Smokejumper unit to be moved to Thorn Creek. Forest Service telephone installation at Thorn Creek to be utilized.

d. Water. Facility at Thorn Creek has storage for 5,200 gallons. Pumping to be undertaken by electric pump.

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e. Food. Logistical support to be on a weekly basis from Mt. Home Air Force Base.

f. Snow Removal. To be on a contract 1080 basis with the U.S. Forest Service and, for snowgo use, with Rowland Brothers, McCall, Idaho.

g. Road Maintenance. One (1) mile of road from main highway to be maintained and graded under agreement with U. S. Forest Service.

5. Equipment.

a. Vehicles. The following equipment is required for field operations.

- (1) Three (3) quarter ton jeeps, four-wheel drive.
- (2) Six (6) weapons carriers.
- (3) Four (4) snow vehicles (M-29-C, T-46, or Tucker SnoCat).
- (4) One (1) field ambulance, four-wheel drive.
- (5) Two (2) 1½ ton trucks for supply.
- (6) One (1) ½ ton pickup.

b. Clothing. To be maintained at the level of 200 of all items. Note is made of backorder requisitions still not implemented. Combat boots or equivalent for summer training are noted. Shoe pacs presently in stock for winter training.

c. Communications. Requirements are:

- (1) Twelve (12) walkie-talkies for use on border crossing.
- (2) Two (2) SCR 694 for field operations and mounted in jeeps in summer, in snow vehicles in winter.

d. Border crossing equipment. Requirements are:

- (1) Twelve (12) miles of barbed wire.
- (2) Lumber:

5000' of 1 x 6 x 14  
3000' of 2 x 4 x 16  
3000' of 2 x 6 x 14

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(3) Tar paper roofing, 25 rolls.

(4) Nails:

4 kegs 16 penny common  
4 kegs 8 penny common  
2 kegs 12 penny common

(5) Agressor uniforms and demolition equipment are on hand.

e. Field Rations. The present flow of 5-in-1 rations and trail frigid rations is adequate. Special ration survival will go on requisition for use during winter 1952-53.

f. FX facility. open one (1) hour per day, will be required at Thorn Creek (no beer).

6. Budgetary requirements.

a. Pay facility for permanent party.

b. Utilities: Power, telephone, fuel, snow removal.

c. Food service.

d. Student transportation:

(1) Military vehicle.

(2) Commercial vehicle.

(3) C-47's to McCall airport in summer.

e. Maintenance of buildings - plumbing, etc.

f. It is estimated that with the staff and buildings in place, students can be handled for a total of approximately \$400.00 each based on a twenty-one (21) day training period. This compares favorably with cost of training at the SAC school at Camp Carson, where originally the cost of training was in the neighborhood of \$225.00 per student and in one year rose to over one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per student due to expansion and heavy staff overhead.

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7. Curricula.

a. Appendix D, Five Day orientation Course for Senior and Staff Officers.

b. Appendix E, Twenty-One Day Course in Survival, Evasion and Escape.

c. Appendix F, Twenty-Eight Day Course for MTU Instructors.

8. The visit of Major K. Berninger of Headquarters ARCS to this station precluded any comment on the last sentence of paragraph 2 of basic communication.

9. Summary.

a. Interim training commitments terminate 17 March 1952. It will take all of the time remaining between that date and 1 May 1952 to be ready to implement paragraph 6 of Headquarters MATS directive dated 17 January 1952, "Evasion and Escape School", and only can this be accomplished if the support instructor-wise and logistically is forthcoming.

b. An outline of work to be accomplished between this date and 1 May 1952 is hereby stated:

- (1) Movement of materiel, etc. to Thorn Creek.
- (2) Setting up of static displays, instructional aids and other exhibits.
- (3) Procurement of instructors and their training.
- (4) Planning, reconnoitering and establishment of outdoor exercises for field operations, summer training, etc.
- (5) Setting up of typical enemy border.
- (6) Construction of buildings, etc.

c. The manpower and time factors which are affecting the attainment of the mission of the school are basic and the problems involved must be resolved rapidly.

d. Time factor estimates follow:

- (1) Revision and preparation of E & E lectures, 14 days

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| (2) Revision of Survival lectures,                                 | 7 days     |
| (3) Training of Survival, Evasion and<br>Escape instructors,       | continuous |
| (4) Field reconnaissance for summer training<br>course,            | 14 days    |
| (5) Training civilian field commanders,                            | 49 days    |
| (6) Familiarizing instructor staff with<br>summer course and area, | 14 days    |
| (7) Headquarters move to Thorn Creek,                              | 3 days     |
| (8) Construction of buildings, etc.                                | 21 days    |
| (9) Instructional film project                                     | continuous |

e. Some of the above projects and tasks are integrated in such a way that several objectives are accomplished simultaneously. At the moment, in addition to the tasks undertaken to set up augmentation, twelve (12) ARS instructors are being trained for overseas shipment and a further requirement of training twenty (20) instructors for shipment exists and has been firmed. All of this additional load terminates 17 March 1952.

f. It is believed that the commencement of full scale operations at Thorn Creek under augmentation will be nearer 1 June 1952 than 1 May 1952. This is primarily based on receiving and training instructors. This is the bottleneck and rapid implementation is therefore requested on a priority basis.

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Lt Colonel USAF  
Commanding

### 6 incls:

- Appendix A, Roster of Personnel
- Appendix B, Description of Layout
- Appendix C, Map of Thorn Creek
- Appendix D, Curriculum 5-Day Course
- Appendix E, Curriculum 21-Day Course
- Appendix F, Curriculum 28-Day Course

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